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As wedged with a sigh would rine in twaine,  
Least *Hector* or my father should perceiue mee:  
I haue (as when the Sunne doth light a scorne)  
Buried this sigh in wrinkle of a smile,  
But sorrow that is coucht in seeming gladnesse,  
Is like that mirth fate turnes to suddaine sadnesse.

*Pan.* And her haire were not some-what darker then *Hellen*,  
well go to, there were no more comparison betweene  
the women! but for my part she is my kinswoman, I would  
not as they tearme it praise her, but I would som-body had  
heard her talke yester-day as I did, I will not dispraise your  
sister *Cassandras* wit, but-----

*Troy.* Oh *Pandarus* I tell thee *Pandarus*,  
When I do tell thee there my hopes lie drown'd  
Reply not in how many fadomes deepe,  
They lie indrench'd, I tell thee I am madde:  
In *Cressids* loue? thou answerst she is faire,  
Powrell in the open vicer of my heart:  
Her eyes, her haire her cheeke, her gate, her voice,  
Handlest in thy discourse: O that her hand  
In whose comparison all whites are ynke  
Writing their owne reproch; to whose soft seisure,  
The cignets downe is harsh, and spirit of sence:  
Hard as the palme of plow-man; this thou telst me,  
As true thou telst me, when I say I loue her,  
But saying thus in steed of oyle and balme,  
Thou layst in euery gash that loue hath giuen mee  
The knife that made it.

*Pan.* I speake no more then truth.

*Troy.* Thou dost not speake so much.

*Pan.* Faith Ile not meddle in it, let her bee as shee is, if she  
bee faire tis the better for her, and shee bee not, she has the  
mends in her owne hands.

*Troy.* Good *Pandarus*, how now *Pandarus*?

*Pan.* I haue had my labour for my trauell, ill thought on  
of her, and ill thought of you, gon betweene and betweene,  
but small thanks for my labour.

*Troy.* What art thou angry *Pandarus*? what with me?

*Pan.*

of *Troilus* and *Cresseida*.

*Pan.* Because she's kin to me therefore shee's not so faire  
as *Hellen*, and she were kin to me, she would be as faire a Fri-  
day as *Hellen*, is on Sunday, but what I? I care not and shee  
were a blackeamore, tis all one to mee.

*Troy.* Say I she is not faire?

*Pan.* I do not care whether you do or no, she's a foole to  
stay behinde her father let her to the Greekes, and so Ile tell  
her the next time I see her for my part Ile meddle nor make  
no more ith' matter.

*Troy.* *Pandarus*. *Pan.* Not I.

*Troy.* Sweete *Pandarus*.

*Pan.* Pray you speake no more to mee I will leaue all as I  
found it and there an end. *Exit.*

*Sound alarum.*

*Troy.* Peace you vnracious clamors, peace rude sounds,  
Foolles on both sides, *Hellen* must needes be faire,  
When with your bloud you daylie paint her thus,  
I cannot fight vpon this argument:  
It is too staru'd a subiect for my sword,  
But *Pandarus*: O gods! how do you plague me  
I cannot come to *Cressid* but by *Pandar*,  
And he's as teachy to be wood to woe,  
As she is stubborne, chafte, against all suite.  
Tell me *Apollo* for thy *Daphnes* loue  
What *Cressid* is, what *Pandar*, and what we:  
Her bed is *India* there she lies, a pearle,  
Betweene our *Ilium*, and where shee reides  
Let it be cald the wild and wandring flood:  
Our selfe the Marchant, and this sayling *Pandar*,  
Our doubtfull hope, our conuoy and our barke.

*Alarum Enter Aeneas.*

*Aene.* How now prince *Troilus*, wherefore not a field.

*Troy.* Because not there; this womans answer sorts,  
For woman it is to be from thence.

What newes *Aeneas* from the field to day?

*Aene.* That *Paris* is returned home and hurt.

*Troy.* By whom *Aeneas*?

*Aene.* *Troilus* by *Meneclaus*.

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*Troy.*